OIPE 42.5 7006 W

THE

PTO/SB/21 (07-06) Approved for use through 09/30/2006. OMB 0651-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Application Number 09/996,849 Filing Date TRANSMITTAL 11/27/2001 First Named Inventor **FORM** Michael K. Davis Art Unit 2654 Examiner Name David D. Knepper (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing) Attorney Docket Number 50031.0020 Total Number of Pages in This Submission **ENCLOSURES** (Check all that apply) After Allowance Communication to TC Drawing(s) Fee Transmittal Form Appeal Communication to Board Licensing-related Papers of Appeals and Interferences Fee Attached Appeal Communication to TC 1 Petition (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) Amendment/Reply Petition to Convert to a Proprietary Information **Provisional Application** After Final Power of Attorney, Revocation Status Letter Change of Correspondence Address Affidavits/declaration(s) Other Enclosure(s) (please Identify Terminal Disclaimer below): **Extension of Time Request** Post Card Request for Refund **Express Abandonment Request** CD, Number of CD(s) Information Disclosure Statement Landscape Table on CD Certified Copy of Priority Remarks Document(s) Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT Firm Name Meyer & Associates, LLC Signature Printed name Lee G. Meyer, Esq. Reg. No. Date 27,216 September 18, 2006 CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below: Signature

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Alla Meyer

Typed or printed name

Date

September 18, 2006

SEP 2 5 2006

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.:

09/996,849

Confirmation No.:

4891

Applicant(s):

Michael K. Davis

Filed:

11/27/2001

TC/A.U.:

2654

Examiner:

David D. Knepper

Docket No.:

50031.0020

Customer No: 36178

Mail Stop AF

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116

Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated July 18, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period of three months, making any response due by October 18, 2006. This reply is filed within two months of the mailing date of the Final Action. Therefore, any advisory action not mailed until after the end of the three month shortened statutory period, (October 18, 2006) will extend the shortened statutory period to expire on the date such Advisory Action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the Advisory Action.

Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the rejections in light of the arguments contained in this Amendment are respectfully requested. Early and favorable action is further requested. This Amendment comports with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.116. This

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a) and 1.10 I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being: **MAILING** deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed to the Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for X Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 37 C.F.R. 1.10* 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a) as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," \boxtimes with sufficient postage as first class mail. Mailing Label No. TRANSMISSION transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and Trademark Office. Date: September 18, 2006 Signature Alla Meyer (type or print name of person certifying)

(Amendment—Page 1)

Appl. No. 09/996,849 Amendment Dated September 18, 2006

amendment is necessary because of the <u>new arguments</u> contained in the Final Action rejecting claims 1-8. Specifically, the Examiner now asserts the application of Tanenbaum.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: NONE

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification:

Please correct the specification as follows:

In the title, delete at the beginning thereof -- INTEGRATED SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ELECTRONIC --